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2. A day-long conference [redacted] between the Office of Training and the Technical Services Staff has pointed to the advisability of having TSS represented permanently [redacted] in much the same manner as is the Office of Communications. TSS would be able to continue some of its testing programs, give instruction in TSS subjects in OTR courses [redacted], and work jointly with OTR in the development of new devices and techniques. The subject will be pursued by the top staffs of OTR and TSS in Washington with a view to an early decision.

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3. During the past month, procedures have been initiated which will permit evaluation of the current program of language aptitude testing. It is anticipated these studies will be complete by the end of the fiscal year. To improve the program further, an unclassified contract has been arranged with [redacted] for the purpose of developing and validating tests of language aptitude. [redacted] will do his work with university students in programs where the emphasis is on spoken rather than written aspects of the language. [redacted] results will be available by the end of the fiscal year. On the basis of this contract and the in-service program, it is hoped that an appreciable improvement can be made in the prediction of success or failure in learning foreign languages.

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4. An evening lecture-discussion series on "Problems of Communication with Asian Societies" will be held at the Foreign Service Institute weekly on Tuesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. starting 20 October 1953 and ending 23 February 1954. The purpose of the lecture-discussion series is to sort out the various

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concepts associated with the term "communication," to analyze the principal factors in communication between members of different cultures, and to discuss specific problems that arise in our communication with some Asian societies. Presentations will be given by officials of the Foreign Service Institute, the [REDACTED]. The Agency has been given a quota of approximately five to ten spaces.

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5. Arrangements are being made by the Language Training and Programs Division of the Office of Training for Agency participation in a lecture series dealing with theory and practice of propaganda, especially Soviet propaganda. This series will probably be for one day, full-time, at Foreign Service Institute.

6. Students presently in full-time OTA
courses in CIA installations..... 356
Students presently in part-time OTA
courses in CIA installations..... 465
Students presently in full-time
external training..... 108
Students presently in part-time
external training..... 165

GRAND TOTAL..... 1,094

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for MATTHEW HARRIS

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